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Testimony to the Judiciary Committee regarding the nomination of Auden Grogins.

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Good morning Senators Coleman and Kissel, Representatives Tong and Rebimbas and distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee.

My name is James Crook and I am here today representing the Coalition of CT Sportsmen (CCS).

Auden Grogins has the requisite experience to be a Superior Court Judge. She's been an attorney for over two decades, she's served in the General Assembly for six years, was just re-elected to another term three months ago, and she even served on this committee with many of you.

However, in 2013 Auden Grogins introduced and sponsored many anti-second amendment legislation (HB05951, HB05955, HB05956, HB06244, HB06245, HB06246, HB06250, HB06308, and SB1160). Her record of political activism and the disregard for both the U.S and CT Constitutions requires the Coalition of CT Sportsmen to oppose the nomination and confirmation of Auden Grogins to the position of Superior Court Judge.

To be an effective CT Superior Court Judge she will be required to make judgments based on the rule of law, facts, expert witnesses and scientific evidence, not political or ideological beliefs. As a Superior Court Judge, we fear that she will further her war against the second amendment and gun ownership.

The citizens of the entire state of CT deserve a Superior Court Judge who does not have a preexisting political or ideological goal. We are confident that the nomination and confirmation will only promote more attacks on the second amendment and the lawful, law abiding gun owners of CT. Please base your decisions on fact.

Thank you